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SUBJECT: STATUS OF BENGUELA RAILROAD

REFS: STATE 214535, PRETORIA A-98 AND SUBSEQUENT TRANS-
MITTAL SLIPS TO DEPT

SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS HAS PRESENTED PICTURE OVER LAST FEW MONTHS COINCIDING WITH ASSESSMENT REFTEL OF MPLA'S DIFFICULTY WITH KEEPING OPEN BENGUELA RAILROAD (BRR). MOST RECENTLY, PRETORIA NEWS AUGUST 31, RAN REPORT FROM "SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN LUSAKA" THAT UNITA CONTINUED TO SABATAGE RR LINE, THEIR FAVORITE TACTIC BEING TO "TEAR UP SECTIONS OF THE TRACK AT REMOTE SPOTS". ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE, THE AUGUST 12 OPENING DATE WAS POSTPONED BECAUSE ENGINEERS WERE STILL TESTING LUAU BORDER BRIDGE WHICH HAD BEEN REBUILT. THE BENGUELA RAILROAD COMPANY STATED TESTS WERE SCHEDULED TO TAKE SEVERAL

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DAYS AND THE LINE WOULD RE-OPEN ON AUGUST 15. PRESS NOTED,

HOWEVER, IT HAD NOT OPENED AND NO FURTHER EXPLANATION WAS
GIVEN.
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